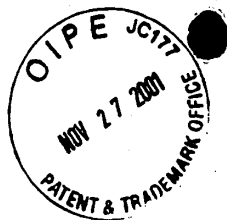


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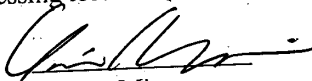
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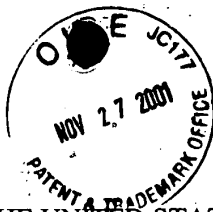
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Sir:

In response to the August 27, 2001 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 3-7, and 11 with the following amended version:

1. (Amended) A method for manufacturing carboxylic acid and amino acid or amino acid condensate reactants, comprising the steps of:

providing first starting material, said first starting material being carboxylic acids;

providing second starting material, said second starting material being one of amino acids and amino acid condensates;

mixing said first starting material and said second starting material in a high-pressure withstanding container under an aqueous system; and

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